

INPUT PROCESSING METHOD AND INPUT CONTROL APPARATUS

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

10 An input processing method and input control  
apparatus that enable switching between normal operation  
and hovering operation to be accomplished with a very  
simple operation in an information processing apparatus  
that uses a touch input device such as a tablet or the  
like as an input device. During a period that an  
improved hovering mode according to the present invention  
15 is set active, the time interval between a pen up motion  
and a subsequent pen down motion is detected. If the  
time interval is equal to or longer than a predetermined  
length of time, pen down information to be sent to the OS  
is set OFF, thereby effecting the hovering operation. On  
20 the other hand, if the time interval is shorter than the  
predetermined length of time, the pen down information to  
be sent to the OS is set ON, thereby effecting the normal  
operation. Thus, in the improved hovering mode, with an  
extra tap of a pen, the immediately following pen  
25 operation works as if it were performed in normal mode.